Guidelines for issuing permits

†2420. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines and rules/regulations fixed by the Central Government for issuing permits to public and private sector industries and organizations;

(b) the rate per metric tonne in rupees fixed for the coal extracted so far in the current financial year;

(c) the company-wise details of the complaints/information received against the coal permits issued in contravention of guidelines and rules/ regulations as on date; and

(d) the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Presently, there is no system of issuing coal permit to any consumer.

(b) There is no fixed rate for extraction of coal from the mines and it varies from mine to mine depending upon various factors *viz.* nature of coal seems, technology employed, deployment of man power, investment made in particular mine etc.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Revision of coal royalty rates

†2421. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that royalty for mining coal has not been revised for the last five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Twelfth Finance Commission has recommended that calculation of royalty may be done at par; and

(c) by when Government would take decision in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The rates of royalty on coal were last revised on16-08-2002.

(b) The Twelfth Finance Commission recommended that the rates of royalty may be fixed on *ad-valorem* basis.

(c) The Government is considering the report of Committee constituted by the Ministry of Coal on 02-06-2005 to consider the revision of rates of royalty on coal and lignite.

Proposals for new power projects made by Chhattisgarh

†2422. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals pending in his Ministry for providing coal linkage for new power projects forwarded by the State Government of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the date of pendency of such proposals;

(c) the requirement of coal (in metric tonnes) under each proposal; and

(d) the details of hindrances in taking action after approval of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (d) The following proposals for coal linkage for new power projects received from Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board (CSEB) with date of receipts of application in the Ministry and the quantity of coal involved therein are given as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the TPS	Capacity in MW	Date of receipt of application	Coal requirement (as per the norms of Ministry of Power)
1.	Marwa TPS	1000(2X500)	30-3-2005	4.62 mtpa
2.	Korba South	800-1000	21-4-2006	4.62 mtpa

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